# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	Ø 1	Force		Discourt.	U.S.
Lauren Goldapper		Team # 6	201206612		Abuse		O.L.	✓ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:	•	Pr	ecinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Thursday, 05/17/2012 5:48 PM		312 Bleecker Street			06	11	/17/2013	11/17/2013
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
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2. POM Juan Perez	11514	942340	006 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegati	on			Inve	estiga	ator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Juan Perez	Force: P	O Juan Perez used physi	cal force against § 87	(2)(b)				
B.POM Juan Perez	Force: P	O Juan Perez used physi	cal force against § 87	(2)(b)				
C POM Christia Rich	Force: D	O Christian Pich used pl	hygical force againg	+ § 87(2)	(b)			

## **Case Summary**

On May 17, 2012, \$87(2)(5) filed her complaint on behalf of \$87(2)(5) with 911, and the complaint was referred to the IAB Command Center (IAB Log #12-27196), which was received by the CCRB on May 23, 2012 (encl. 6) (encl. 7) On May 17, 2012, at approximately 5:48 p.m., \$87(2)(5) was riding his bicycle in the vicinity of 312 Bleecker Street, in Manhattan, when he came to interact with two officers, PO Christian Rich and PO Juan Perez from the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct, and was arrested. The following allegations resulted.

- Allegation A Force: PO Juan Perez used physical force against \$87(2)(b)
- Allegation B Force: PO Juan Perez used physical force against \$87(2)(6)
- Allegation C Force: PO Christian Rich used physical force against §87(2)(6)

§ 87(2)(g)

This case was originally assigned to Inv. Peter Hoy and reassigned to Inv. Lauren Goldapper on October 11, 2012.

This case was put on the sensitive case list after several news articles were published in regards to this incident.

## **Results of Investigation**

## **Civilian Statements**

Victim: § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b

# **Statements to Medical Personnel**

The Ambulance Call Report (encl. 21) reflects that on May 17, 2012, saze complained that an officer assaulted him after he hit an officer.

medical records from \$87(2)(b) (encl. 21) reflect that on May 17, 2012, \$87(2)(b) stated that an officer hit him in the face and complained of pain to his right elbow. The records also reflect that \$87(2)(b) told medical personnel that he was yelling at officers when an officer pinned him against a car. He was angry and slapped an officer and an officer punched him in his left eye. \$87(2)(b) also told medical personnel that after he was struck in the face he fell to the ground.

#### **Statements**

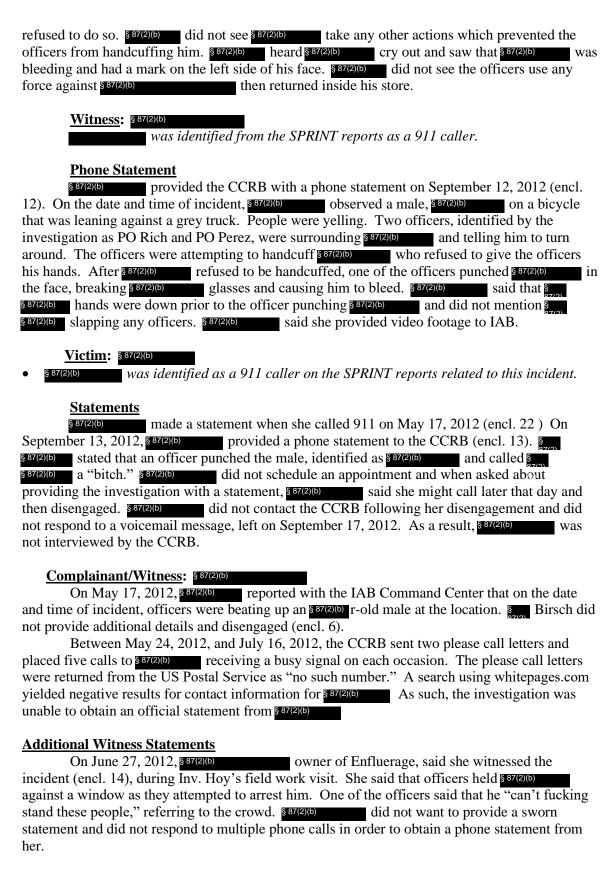
On May 18, 2012, \$87(2)(6) made statements to IAB investigating officers during a call-out (encl. 34K). \$87(2)(6) made a phone statement on June 1, 2012 (encl. 8), and was interviewed at the CCRB on June 6, 2012 (encl. 9). \$87(2)(9)

On May 17, 2012, at approximately 5:48 p.m., \$87(2)(b) was riding his bicycle in the vicinity of 312 Bleecker Street, in Manhattan, when an unmarked van containing two officers, identified through the investigation as PO Christian Rich and PO Juan Perez from the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct, pulled into the bike lane in front of him. \$87(2)(b) described PO Rich as a 23-year-old white male, who was 5'8" tall, weighed 160 pounds. \$87(2)(b) identified PO Perez by name and described him as a Hispanic male, who was 5'10 tall, and weighed 220 pounds.

had to ride his bike into traffic to avoid colliding with the van. The officers subsequently exited the vehicle and \$87(2)(b) told them that the police should not break the

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to step away from the bike multiple times. However, \$67(2)(b) could not do so because he has arthritis. After PO Perez yelled at \$67(2)(b) to "step away from the bike" multiple times, \$67(2)(b) swung at PO Perez, slapping PO Perez with an open palm of his right hand. PO Perez responded by punching with a closed fist in \$67(2)(b) left cheek. The punch also made contact with \$67(2)(b) glasses. After PO Perez punched \$67(2)(b) PO Perez ordered \$67(2)(b) resisted arrest and refused to move his hands behind his back. PO Perez and PO Rich pushed \$67(2)(b) against a nearby glass door while they attempted to arrest him. \$67(2)(b) stated that as a result of this incident, \$67(2)(b) fractured his right elbow. During his interview, \$67(2)(b) said that he believed that the elbow fracture was a result of his elbow making contact with the storefront when the officers tried to arrest him. \$67(2)(b) made no mention of a fractured elbow during his phone statement with the CCRB. \$67(2)(b) continued to resist arrest and refused to be handcuffed. He told PO Perez that he was \$67(2)(b) continued to resist arrest and refused to be handcuffed. He told PO Perez that he was \$67(2)(b) continued to resist arrest for several more minutes, additional officers arrived on scene and the officers were eventually able to get \$67(2)(b) in handcuffs. PO Rich and PO Perez walked \$67(2)(b) was transported by ambulance to \$67(2)(b) where medical personnel applied glue stitches to a laceration on his cheek and an x-ray to \$67(2)(b) right elbow revealed a fracture.
Additional Statements  published an article about this incident on \$87(2)(b) which has been included in the case file (encl. 10).  On August 8, 2012 (encl. 28), the City of New York received a personal injury claim form filed by \$87(2)(b) The narrative reflects that on the date and time of occurrence, was pinned against the van with his legs straddling the bicycle and \$87(2)(b) pushed away from the officers. PO Perez hit \$87(2)(b) with a closed fist, breaking \$87(2)(b) glasses and cutting \$87(2)(b) cheek. PO Perez attempted to arrest \$87(2)(b) and a crowd gathered and \$87(2)(b) told the crowd to call the police. As a result of this incident, \$87(2)(b) complained of facial and eye injuries, a damaged bicycle and damaged glasses There was no mention of any injury to \$87(2)(b) elbow.
Photographs On May 18, 2012, IAB investigating officers photographed \$87(2)(b) during a call-out (encl. 34D). One photograph reflects that \$87(2)(b) is using a sling on his right arm. \$37(2)(b) has visible bruising under his left eye and a laceration on the left side of his nose.  Witness: \$87(2)(b)
Statement  Statement  Statement  Provided the CCRB with a statement on June 27, 2012 (encl. 11). He was interviewed at \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan.  On the date and time of incident, \$37(2)(b) observed a male, \$37(2)(b) on a bicycle with two officers, identified as PO Rich and PO Perez. \$87(2)(b) refused to get off his bicycle
and one of the officers pulled \$87(2)(b) off his bike and brought him towards their van and then onto the sidewalk. The officers told \$87(2)(b) to put his hands behind his back but \$87(2)(b)



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## **Attempts to Contact Civilians**

On June 27, 2012, (encl. 14) Inv. Hoy conducted field work in the vicinity of the incident location. In addition to the statement obtained from whose statement was summarized above, attempts to obtain official or recorded statements from various employees to obtain video footage were met with negative results. Attempts to obtain sworn statements and video footage were made at Yamak, Think Closet, Enfluerage, Alteraction Cleaner, Café Angelique and Andrade Shoe Repair.

#### **NYPD Statements:**

#### **Subject Officer: PO JUAN PEREZ**

- PO Perez is a [887(2)(0)] -old Hispanic male, who is 5'8" tall, weighs 195 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes.
- On May 17, 2012, PO Perez worked from 3:00 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. and was dressed in uniform. PO Perez worked with PO Christian Rich and was assigned to conditions auto. PO Perez was assigned to an unmarked van.

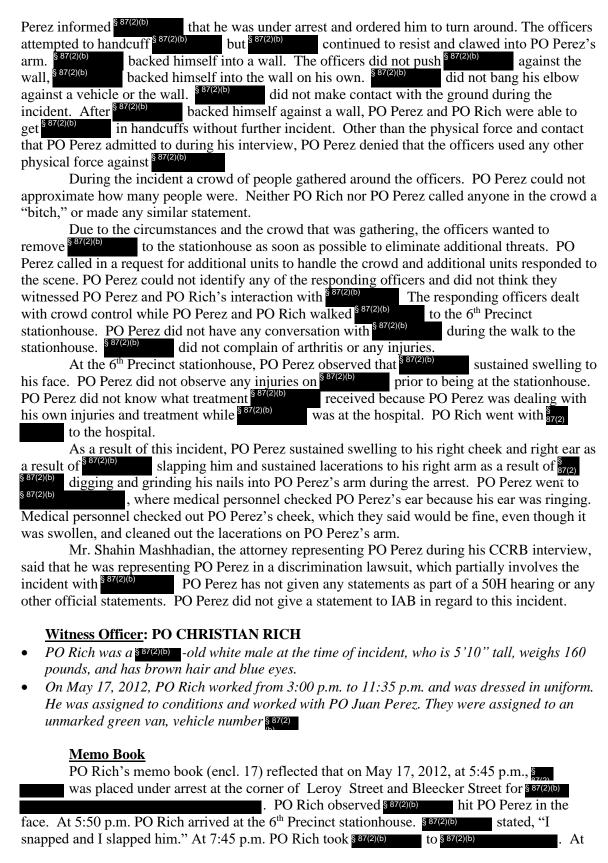
#### Memo Book

PO Perez's memo book (encl. 15) reflects that on May 17, 2012, at 5:45 p.m. \$87(2)(5) was placed under arrest at Leroy Street and Bleecker Street, in Manhattan, for \$87(2)(5) did slap PO Perez open handed in the face, causing swelling to PO Perez's ear and lacerations to his right hand while resisting arrest. The prisoner was treated at the precinct and removed to \$87(2)(5). PO Perez was treated at the precinct and removed to \$87(2)(5).

#### **CCRB Statement**

PO Perez was interviewed at the CCRB on April 18, 2013 (encl. 16). On May 17, 2012, at approximately 5:48 p.m., PO Perez and PO Rich parked their vehicle on Bleecker Street by Leroy Street, in Manhattan, partially in the bike lane and on the sidewalk, with the intention of addressing conditions in the vicinity of Bleecker Street and Christie Street, in Manhattan, as part of their conditions assignment. PO Perez was the driver and PO Rich was sitting in the passenger seat. PO Perez heard a commotion and yelling and exited the vehicle and approached the passenger side of the vehicle. PO Rich was pinned against the van, and a male, subsequently identified as § 87(2)(b) was straddling his bike and pushing it into PO Rich, striking him more than once. §87(2)(b) held on to the front handlebars of the bike while rocking it forward, and pushing it into PO Rich's leg and was yelling at PO Rich that the officers should not be in the bike lane. PO Perez asked \$37(2) to stop striking PO Rich and step on the sidewalk for safety reasons, as the traffic was congested. PO Perez gave \$87(2)(b) atleast five times but \$87(2)(b) refused and responded by using his bike to strike PO Perez's right leg. Eventually PO Perez grabbed \$87(2)(b) by the arm and brought \$87(2)(b) the sidewalk. §87(2)(6) was off his bike at this time and PO Rich was standing to PO Perez's left and was holding \$37(2)(b) bike. PO Perez told \$37(2)(b) that he cannot strike officers with his bike and he was going to hurt someone. In response, \$87(2)(6) slapped PO Perez in PO Perez's right cheek with an open hand. In response to being slapped, PO Perez used a closed fist and punched 37(2)(b) one time in the face and 37(2)(b) glasses fell to the ground. PO Perez did not recall which side of \$87(2)(b) face he struck. PO Perez said that he used the tactics and training he learned in the police academy to stop the physical threat posed by § 87(2)(b) and to stop § 87(2)(b) aggressiveness and effect his arrest. PO Perez did not notice any observable injuries on § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(6) did not complain of any injuries. PO

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12:25 a.m., \$87(2)(b) was released from the hospital and subsequently fingerprinted. was released with a Desk Appearance Ticket.
Complaint and Desk Appearance/Arrest Report  The compliant and Desk Appearance/arrest report (encl. 18) (encl. 27) reflect that while the officers were on routine patrol \$87(2)(5) was in an apparent highly agitated state and did approach an officer and slap him in the face causing alarm, annoyance, pain and swelling. While trying to effect an arrest, \$87(2)(5) continued to grab and claw at the officer causing contusions and abrasions to his right hand. \$87(2)(6) was charged with \$87(2)(6) 160.50
CCRB Statement PO Rich was interviewed by the CCRB on March 15, 2013 (encl. 19). On May 17, 2012, at approximately 5:45 p.m., PO Perez and PO Rich parked their van, half on the sidewalk and half on the street due to limited parking space in the vicinity of Leroy Street and Bleecker Street, in Manhattan. PO Rich corroborated PO Perez's description of the scene and statements regarding street behavior. PO Rich added that screen screamed and yelled at the officers and 10 to 15 people began to gather around the officers. Unlike PO Perez, PO Rich did not mention anything about striking him or PO Perez with his bicycle. PO Rich corroborated that PO Perez ordered street to comply and continued yelling at the officers. PO Rich could not specify what striking be was saying. PO Rich and PO Perez attempted to force soften onto the sidewalk by wheeling his bike toward the curb. When the officers did this, slapped PO Perez in the face. PO Perez responded by punching street in the face. PO Perez and PO Rich attempted to place strictor up against a wall to restrain him and get him in handcuffs. PO Rich, PO Perez, and strictor up against a wall to restrain him and get him in handcuffs. PO Rich did not recall specifically what part of strictor body made contact. PO Rich did not recall if strictor elbow made contact with the wall. PO Rich denied that struggle, but PO Rich denied interacting with the crowd at any point during the incident. He did not recall himself or PO Perez calling anyone in the crowd a "bitch" or saying, "I can't fucking stand these people," in reference to the crowd. PO Rich denied that he or PO Perez used profanity at any point during the incident.
PO Rich approximated that the interaction with \$87(2)(b) lasted three to four minutes before he and PO Perez escorted him on foot to the 6 <sup>th</sup> Precinct Stationhouse, which is around the corner from the incident location.  PO Rich acknowledged that \$87(2)(b) suffered a cut below his eye from this incident, and acknowledged that the cut probably resulted from \$87(2)(b) glasses when PO Perez punched him. PO Rich was not aware that \$87(2)(b) sustained a fractured elbow as a result of the incident. PO Rich stated that \$87(2)(b) complained of elbow pain during the incident, but he did not know when \$87(2)(b) sustained his injury.

## **Officers Not Interviewed**

Because additional officers who responded to the scene would not have been a witness to PO Perez's use of force against and their statements would not have affected the disposition of the allegation pleaded, additional officer interviews were not conducted.

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#### **Medical Records**

- The Ambulance Call Report (encl. 21) for \$87(2)(b) reflects that on May 17, 2012, at 6:08 p.m., \$87(2)(b) was seen by medical personnel at the stationhouse. He had soft tissue injury to his face, consisting of a small laceration to his face and bruising around his eye. \$87(2)(b) was treated with Tylenol.
- \$87(2)(b) medical records from \$87(2)(b) on \$87(2)(b) , reflect that at approximately \$87(2)(b) arrived at the hospital by ambulance.
  - o A review of \$87(2)(b) systems reflected that upon examination, \$87(2)(b) was positive for joint pain and head injury. He was negative for swelling. \$27(2)(b) had right elbow tenderness and pain upon movement. An examination of \$87(2)(b) head and face reflected that \$87(2)(b) had a left orbital hematoma and bruising with an overlying abrasion.
  - o A radiology report of \$87(2)(b) right elbow reflects that \$87(2)(b) had an displaced fracture and there was no dislocation.
  - O A CT scan of \$87(2)(b) facial bones reflected that there was no fracture. There was moderate left periorbital soft tissue swelling and sinus disease.
  - o \$87(2)(b) was diagnosed with a closed fracture radius, head, and facial pain. was prescribed Percocet.

#### **NYPD Documents**

## **Communication Records**

SPRINT report and and server (encl. 22) reflects that on May 17, 2012, at 5:47 p.m. and 5:48 p.m. a request for additional units was dispatched and officers were dispatched to an assault at 321 Bleeker Street, in Manhattan, after two female callers reported that officers were assaulting an server old male at the location. A connection was made to IAB and a sergeant was directed to respond to the location. At 6:01 p.m. 6ST2 communicated that there were two under from location. EMS was on scene at 6:05 p.m. 6C resumed patrol at 6:13 p.m.

## **Other Evidence**

On March 5, 2013, Sgt. Flynn from IAB stated that there was no video footage recovered for this incident (encl. 31G). The call-out reports have been included in the case file (encl. 34). \$\frac{8}{5}(2)(6)\$ statement and photographs of \$\frac{8}{5}(2)(6)\$ injuries have been summarized in the civilian statement section.

#### **Arrest for Incident and Disposition**

• \$87(2)(b) criminal charges in connection with this incident are no longer on file and the arrest report has been sealed (encl. 27).

## **Status of Civil Proceedings**

- §87(2)(b) filed a personal injury claim form with the City of New York on August 8, 2012, claiming that PO Perez hit him in the face and is seeking \$500,000 as redress (encl. 28).
- On May 28, 2013, \$37(2)(b) the attorney representing \$37(2)(b) in the injury claim report, informed the investigation that the City of New York has not responded to their request for a 50H hearing and that \$37(2)(b)

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# **Civilians Criminal History**

• As of March 20, 2013, Office of Court Administration records reveal no criminal convictions for §87(2)(b) (encl. 29).

## **Civilians CCRB History**

• This is the first CCRB complaint involving §87(2)(b) or §87(2)(b) (encl. 3).

## **Subject Officer CCRB History**

• PO Perez and PO Rich have been members of the service for six years and three years, respectively, and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against them (encl. 2).

## Conclusion

## **Identification of Subject Officer**

PO Perez admitted to punching \$87(2)(b) Therefore, Allegation A is pleaded against PO Perez. Because \$87(2)(b) alleged that both PO Perez and PO Rich pushed him against a wall while effecting his arrest, Allegations B and C are being pleaded against PO Perez and PO Rich, respectively.

# **Investigative Findings and Recommendations**

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Allegation A – Force: PO Juan Perez used physical force against §87(2)(b)
admitted to slapping PO Perez in the face, and therefore, the investigation
determined that at the time that PO Perez interacted with §87(2)(b) was physically
violent and a threat to the officers' safety. It is undisputed that PO Perez punched \$87(2)(b) in
response to \$87(2)(b) slapping in the face and it is also undisputed that \$87(2)(b) refused to
comply with the officers multiple instructions to get on the sidewalk.
Patrol Guide Section 203-11 (encl. 1) permits officers to use the amount of force
necessary to overcome resistance to effect an arrest. §87(2)(9)
Allegation B – Force: PO Juan Perez used physical force against §87(2)(b)
Allegation C – Force: PO Christian Rich used physical force against §87(2)(6)
said that he believed that he fractured his elbow as a result of PO Perez and
PO Rich pushing him against the glass storefront while they effected his arrest. It is undisputed
that \$87(2)(b) resisted arrest and the force that \$87(2)(b) described was minimal and he did
not allege that any force was used against him subsequent to being handcuffed. §87(2)(9)

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